

Election of Species

Applicant elects Species I as drawn to a process that requires implanting of nitrogen ions prior to patterning of a first insulating film and a first polysilicon layer, as including claims 1, 5, 6 and 11, for initial examination in the present application. This election is with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 2 and 5-14 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Applicant has elected Species I including claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 for initial examination.

The Examiner has asserted in the Office Action dated October 25, 2005, that claims 5 and 9 are generic. However, it is not understood how claim 5 as dependent upon claim 1 of Species I may be considered generic.

Applicant also respectfully submits that claims 10, 13 and 14 should be considered generic. **Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of generic claims 9, 10, 13 and 14, along with claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 of elected Species I.**

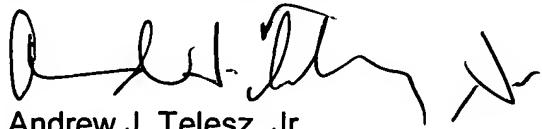
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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